

**BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Open Session

June 9, 2008

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:30am on the above date in Room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeannine Borozny, RN

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS

Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP

Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN, PCNS Vice President

Catherine Rose, RN,MS

Elizabeth Lamonde, RN, MS

Kristen Kamm, LPN

Theresa Jeremiah RN

Peggy Matteson, RN,PhD

Lynn Curran, MS, RN, CRNA

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Gerhardt

Sharon Smith, MS, RN, President

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Pam McCue, RN, MS, Director Nursing Registration and Nursing Education

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN, Compliance Officer

Elizabeth James, RN Investigator

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms Rosa called the meeting to order at 8:30am. A quorum was established at this time.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF May 12, 2008

On motion of Ms. Borozny, seconded by Ms Jeremiah, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes with the following amendment;

- Ms Leasca presented to the Board that nominations for positions of President, Vice president and Secretary may be made by emailing Ms McCue or at meetings. Acceptance of the nomination will consist of sending Ms McCue a resume and short bio which will include length of service to the Board and attendance record at meetings. Ms McCue will present a slate of candidates with the candidate information at**

the July 14th meeting (open session). Board members will vote by written ballot with the results read at this meeting. After discussion, the Board unanimously voted to accept this nomination and election process.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms Rosa provided an update of the activities of the APRN Committee of the NCSBN. Ms Rosa has served on this national committee for two consecutive terms. Ms Rosa informed the Board the APRN Vision Paper will be presented to the NCSBN delegates for adoption at the August annual meeting..

The paper

- Is a consensus paper of national Nursing Organizations**
- Defines APRNs as CRNAs, Midwives, PCNS and NPs**

DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT

Ms McCue reminded the Board that the informational session on the NLC is being held this Wednesday at 2pm in the Health Department Auditorium.

BUSINESS

a. List of Candidate for BON Leadership Positions

Ms McCue notified the Board that Sharon Smith as been nominated

and accepted the nomination for President. Ms Leasca has been nominated and accepted the nomination for Vice President. Ms McCue distributed their bios to the Board. Ms McCue reminded the Board that the elections will be held at the July 14th Board mtg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms Rose reminded the Board that meeting begins at 8:30 promptly and that all members should be try to be there at that time.

Ms Leasca informed the Board that she was instrumental in advocating for the passage of a bill (that involve NPs) through the General Assembly. The bill deletes language in the statute requiring written collaborative guidelines in the workplace in regards to NPs prescriptive privileges.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms Borozny, seconded by Ms. Mergerdichain, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session

adjourned at 9:35am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms Smith called the open session back to order at 1:50pm.

VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms Rose, seconded by Ms. Leasca, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board voted to the following actions in Executive Session at today's meeting:

Patricia McCaughey Reinstate her RN license on Probation

Linda Hopkins, Reprimand her LPN license and require continuing education

Paul Pinkrah Suspend his LPN license

Karen Golish Accept her Voluntary Surrender of her RN license

Collene Pinelli Suspension of her RN license effective June 16, 2008

Shelia Dunn Reinstate her RN license

John Faolaro-Release from Probation

The following case were voted a finding of No Unprofessional

Conduct

RN08-046

RN08-049

RN08-039

RN08-035

RN08-025

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms Leasca, seconded by Ms Rodrigues, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Lamonde, RN

Secretary

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